

## GOVERNMENT WILL DRAFT STRIKERS TO RUN TRAINS

### PRES. WILSON HAS PLAN

In Case of Strike Government Will Place  
Present Crews Under Military  
Draft to Run Trains

#### PRESENTS BILL TO JOINT SESSION

After Unsuccessful Final Conferences With  
Railroad Executives and Employees  
President Appeals to Congress

By United Press.

Washington, August 29.—Military operation of the railroads, with the present crews in charge under military draft, is in definite prospect if the strike set by the brotherhoods to start Monday takes place.

It is learned on good authority that the foregoing is the course which President Wilson has in mind.

To this end Senator Newlands, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, after a conference with the president this morning, took up with Attorney General Gregory, Commissioner Clark and Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, the preparation of a bill that is designed to make such action possible.

By United Press.

Washington, August 29.—President Wilson's efforts to negotiate peace between the railroads and the brotherhoods are expected to end today. Having exhausted every means of bringing the two parties together on common ground to prevent a nationwide strike the president is prepared to seek through legislation what apparently cannot be accomplished by persuasion. The conferences which were held last night by the president with both employers and employees developed nothing beyond the fact that neither side would yield anything.

The president then began to work on a message to congress at 2:30 this afternoon, recommending legislation which is designed to delay the impending strike, or to bring a quick end to it if the strike is in full swing before congress passes the laws in question.

#### Railroad Heads Defiant.

The danger of a general strike became more acute again today. The brotherhoods, at their conference with President Wilson at the White House last night, refused to agree to the president's urgent request to recall the strike order which has been issued for a walkout of 400,000 trainmen at 7 a. m. on labor day. Railroad executives, when informed of this later, assumed a defiant air.

#### JAIL ALMOST EMPTY.

Jailer Dryden has a very light house this week, the only occupants being Francisco Herrera, awaiting transportation to the state penitentiary, Shorty Fletcher, the diminutive alleged bootlegger, and Ollie Young, who will be sent to the school for the weak minded. The remainder of the prisoners are now employed in road building east of Tabler and will not return to Chickasha until the work is completed.

Herrera, since receiving his sentence of twenty-five years, is said to have become exceedingly restless and paces up and down the narrow corridor of the jail continuously.

#### 1 BILLION 280 MILLION CANDLE-POWER LIGHT

By United Press.  
New York, Aug. 29.—Elo A. Sperry, Brooklyn business man, has just built and put atop his building a searchlight of 1 billion 280 million candle power. It is 50 per cent stronger than the navy searchlight tried out here last May, which could be seen 25 miles away.

### TEXAS BANK COMM'R IS SHOT DOWN

Is Probably Fatally Wounded While  
Posting Notice of the Closing of  
Bank at Teague

#### PRESIDENT AND SONS ARRESTED

Commissioner Patterson, After Being Shot  
in Chest, Walks to Drug Store and  
Informs Sheriff

By United Press.

Teague, Tex., Aug. 29.—Banking Commissioner Patterson, who was about while he was posting a notice of closing on the door of the Farmers & Merchants bank here late yesterday afternoon, told Sheriff Burleson that T. R. Watson, president of the institution, did the shooting.

J. E. McKinnon, a bank examiner who was accompanying Patterson, was also shot at but the bullet went wild. Patterson was taken to Waco on a special train this morning for an operation. It is feared that the bullet wound in his chest may prove fatal.

President Watson and his sons, Vice President J. E. Watson, and Cashier W. R. Watson, all of whom were present at the time of the shooting, were arrested immediately after the affair, charged with attempted murder. They were released today under \$500 bonds after a hearing.

Patterson and McKinnon arrived at the bank after a few minutes after it had closed for the day. It is understood that they went over the accounts of the institution and announced that the closing was necessary.

Five shots were heard shortly before 6 o'clock when Patterson and McKinnon ran from the bank. Patterson was able to walk to a drug store despite his wound. He told the sheriff that he was posting the notice when President Watson opened fire on him from behind.

Governor Ferguson sent instructions to the sheriff to close the bank and make a thorough investigation of the shooting.

### MEETING OF CO. COMM. IS CALLED

The following call for a meeting of  
the Democratic County Central  
committee has been issued:

A meeting of the Democratic Central committee of Grady county is hereby called to be held in the court house at Chickasha, Okla., Monday, Sept. 4, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of organizing the committee and making arrangements and plans for the coming campaign. An important campaign is now on and the importance of the committee attending this meeting should not be minimized.

Where some new committeemen were elected at recent primaries we have received no notification of such election; in such cases we will appreciate it if the names of such committeemen are immediately sent to the secretary for record. In precincts where no committeemen were elected at the last primary, either on the ballot or at mass meeting, the old committeemen are instructed to call a mass meeting of the Democrats in such precinct, on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. and at such time select committeemen to serve on the committee.

All Democrats in this county who are interested in the campaign and welfare of the Democratic party are cordially invited to be present at this committee meeting.

L. C. HUTSON, Chairman.  
W. W. CLARK, Sec.

### STIRRING FOOTBALL SEASON PLANNED BY HIGH SCHOOL

A letter from Coach Reeds, of Chickasha high school to Principal Paul Morrow gives the information that Mr. Reeds will arrive in Chickasha Sept. 12, about one week before the first day of school, to get things started for the football season of 1916. Mr. Reeds is now at work as a geologist for the Gypsy Oil company near Burns, Kansas. The schedule has heretofore been published, and is practically complete. Eight games have been scheduled with Oklahoma City, Enid, Shawnee and El Reno. Not over two more games will be scheduled, and these will probably be with Lawton and Mangum or Paris Valley.

**Coming Contests.**  
School opens at the local high school Sept. 18 so that there will likely be no game Sept. 22. On Sept. 23 is the first game of the season with Chickasha playing Oklahoma City at the latter place. The first home game will be with Enid on October 6. This promises to be one of the heaviest games. If not the heaviest, of the entire season. The open dates at present are Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Lawton will probably play here on the latter date. At least five, and perhaps six, games will be played in Chickasha. The entire schedule will be completed within the next two weeks.

**Class Equipment.**  
The following order has been placed by Coach Reeds for first class equipment:  
One football, 18 pairs trousers, 25 pairs stockings, 15 pairs shoulder pads, 15 elbow pads, 13 wool jerseys and 1 cotton jersey.

These goods will arrive Sept. 12 and represent an order of about \$97. The high school is fortunate in being able to pay for this equipment out of funds made last season.

### PERSONAL TAX PAST DUE NOW

County Treasurer Mullen today issued the following statement:

In this issue of the Express you will find a list of those who according to the tax rolls have not paid their personal taxes for the year 1915.

I regret very much to have to publish the names of those who are delinquent but the law compels me to force collections by such advertising and the issuing of warrants to the sheriff, twenty days thereafter.

It has been over thirty days since I notified each person who was delinquent that within a few days I would publish the list and I feel that I have done more than is required and have given ample time for them to make the payments and shall now proceed to comply with the law. There has not been very much extra cost added yet but if the taxes are not paid at once the sheriff will do the collecting and the cost will then greatly increase. Real estate upon which taxes for 1915 have not been paid will be advertised the first of October and the land or lots sold the first of November. This year's (1915) taxes will be due November 1st and will be delinquent January 1st, 1917.

Hoping that you will appreciate my position in the matter above referred to and that you will remember I am merely your agent or servant in handling the affairs of one of your public offices I am,

Yours very truly,  
H. N. MULLIN,  
County Treasurer.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight and Wednesday,  
fair.

Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 86; minimum, 54.

Business Side of Athletics.

It may be mentioned here that every attention is given to the business side of athletics at the high school. The expenses of the schedule are figured closely, and no game is contracted for until the financial side has been carefully considered. The entire expense of the schedule for this season is known in advance, and with good weather conditions and hearty support of the townspeople, the season should be a money-maker. The support last season was the best possible. With that kind of support in the future the soliciting of funds from the business men to start the season will continue to be a thing of the past.

#### Athletic Board in Charge.

The scheduling of games, financing of the season, etc., are in charge of an athletic board in the school. This board is made up of the principal, the coaches, the student managers and team captains and a faculty treasurer. Books are carefully kept and the exact financial condition always known. No money can be expended without the vote of this board, and all receipts must be reported to it at the frequent meetings. It is entirely due to the care and attention of this board that the season of last year was such a financial success.

#### Flattering Prospects.

The general verdict is that prospects for the local team are good—to put the statement very conservatively, and that is the way Coach Reeds prefers to put it at this stage. The boys are extremely anxious for the season to begin and will be out in force when the coach issues his call to arms about Sept. 12.

### SANITARY SURVEY IS STARTED

A sanitary survey of the city of Chickasha was begun this morning by Mr. Ray M. Balyeat, director of the state public health laboratories, Guthrie. The survey is being made by request of State Superintendent R. H. Wilson, who asked the health department to do similar work in all the towns where state schools are located. "Every year there is an epidemic in some of the state schools," said Mr. Balyeat, "and Mr. Wilson has requested the health department to investigate conditions in all these towns. The results of the survey are not intended for publication but are solely for our own records in order that the necessary steps may be taken to protect the health of students should any epidemic arise."

Mr. Balyeat called on Mayor Coffman, City Health Officer Dawson and County Health Officer Emanuel to secure general information concerning conditions here. His survey will include water, sewerage and milk. Samples of the city water both before and after going through the mains were taken and will be analyzed in the state laboratories. The sewerage system will be thoroughly investigated and a similar course will be pursued at the ice plant and dairies. "The whole object of the survey is to secure useful data for the department and of course there is no comment to make regarding it now," said Mr. Balyeat.

#### THROWN FROM BUGGY

Mrs. E. W. Folsom, wife of Engineer Folsom, residing at 1198 South Tenth street, and her little daughter were slightly injured when they were thrown from a buggy in front of the Owl Drug Store on Chickasha avenue about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Folsom's buggy was being driven on the edge of the street car track at a time when Mrs. H. F. Gorman's car, driven by her little daughter, was moving at the rate of four miles an hour. The horse is said to have started to pass by the auto when he traveled too far to the left when the spring of the car struck the wheel of the buggy, throwing the occupants to the ground.

### STRIVE FOR ADVANTAGE IN BATTLE

Teutons Aim to Carry War Into Roumania  
at Once While Roumanians Already  
Begin Invasion of Hungary

#### GENERAL MACKENSEN COMMANDS ARMIES

Roumanians Successfully Attack Whole  
Teutonic Front; Von Jagow and  
Zimmerman Resign

By United Press.

The Hague, August 29.—Berlin advises state that General Mackensen, who led the successful Austro-German drive through Serbia a year ago, will command the Austro-German armies which are operating against Roumania. Germany is determined to carry on the campaign on Roumanian soil immediately. Knowing Roumania's intentions Germany has for some time had her troops placed in a position from which they could strike swiftly.

#### Will Invade Hungary.

By United Press.  
London, August 29.—Eighty thousand Roumanian troops are moving toward the Transylvanian frontier to invade Hungary. The advance guards have crossed the boundary in a swift advance on Hermannstadt, Kronstadt. These forces engaged the Teutons in Rothenthurm pass fifteen miles from Hermannstadt last night.

#### German Diplomats Resign.

By United Press.  
London, August 29.—The report is in circulation that Foreign Secretary von Jagow and Under Foreign Secretary Zimmerman have tendered their resignations in Berlin as the result of Roumania's declaration of war. Their resignations have been accepted.

#### Officers Assassinated.

By United Press.  
The Hague, August 29.—German and Turkish officers at Sofia are reported to have been assassinated.

#### By United Press.

London, August 29.—The Roumanians successfully attacked the whole Teutonic front yesterday, according to a Bucharest dispatch.

### CHICKASHA WILL PLAY 'RENO AGAIN

Chickasha and El Reno golfers will clash in another tournament tomorrow on the course of the local club. It is expected that not fewer than seventeen visiting players will arrive here Wednesday morning on the 9 o'clock train. To contend with them the tournament committee has selected the following home players:

Slusher, Bettis, Dr. Bond, Richmond, Reford, Bond, Ben Johnson, Harwell, Prox, Tom Phillips, Ladlow, Alger Melton, Hamnerly, Hutson, Thwait, Wootton, Stopper, Witherspoon.

"The majority of the El Reno players will be here on the Mangum train at nine o'clock and the balance on the afternoon train at 1:30 o'clock," said Bob Murray, secretary of the local tournament committee.

"Play will start immediately after lunch which will be held at 12 o'clock sharp. Those Chickasha players participating are expected to take lunch and supper at the club and pay for his opponent's meals at the rate of 50c each.

"We have assurance that the following El Reno players will be here: Shartel, March, Higgins, Rice, Ashbrook, Punk, Penner, Libby, Randall, Humphrey, Dowling, Bradford, Jones, LeVan, Watson."

### FIVE YEAR EXEMPTION FOR HOTEL

Immunity From City Tax Payments, How-  
ever, Only Applies to Improvements  
Erected

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR RESOLUTION

City Council Meets in Special Session  
This Morning to Frame Reply to  
Ben F. Johnson

Should the negotiations for the construction of the new \$250,000 hotel for Chickasha result successfully, the owners will be exempt from the payment of all city taxes on the improvements for the first five years of its operation. This action was taken at a special meeting of the city council this morning, the call for which had been signed by a majority of the councilmen.

#### Unanimous Vote.

At a meeting this morning all members of the council were present except Alderman DuBois. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Coffman with City Treasurer W. W. Clark acting as city clerk. The resolution authorizing the exemption was presented by Councilman Caneman, chairman of the finance committee.

#### Five Year Exemption.

By a unanimous vote the resolution, which was as follows, was adopted: "Whereas, the construction of a modern hotel in the City of Chickasha, Oklahoma, would be of great benefit to said city and the inhabitants thereof, and,

Whereas, the city council of the City of Chickasha, Oklahoma, understands that there is now in contemplation plans for the construction of a modern hotel in said city, and believing that it would be to the best interest of said city and inhabitants thereof and as an inducement for the construction of a modern hotel that the City of Chickasha should remit or relinquish to the party constructing such hotel city taxes thereon for a period of five years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the city council of the City of Chickasha that if a modern six-story hotel be constructed within the City of Chickasha pursuant to plans exhibited at the First National bank and such construction begun within six months from this date, that the City of Chickasha agrees to relinquish to the owner of such hotel all city taxes on the improvements so constructed for a period of five years from the time such hotel begins business, provided the same continues to operate for said period, and if any such city taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected, the said City of Chickasha agrees to remit and refund such taxes on the improvements so constructed. It is not intended by this resolution to relinquish, remit or refund any taxes upon the value of the lots or ground upon which the improvements are constructed.

The mayor and city clerk were directed to sign the resolution and to forward a copy to Ben F. Johnson, on whose petition the exemption was granted.

#### NOW COMES HIGH COST OF BIBLES.

By United Press.  
St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 29.—Now comes the high cost of Bibles. Dealers here today have notices from the Church News Association, that on account of the high cost of paper, they are urged to make last year's edition of the Bible do for this year. The European war, the dealers say, has increased the demand for Bibles, along with the limited supply.